

(Minutes of OCh/G Staff Meeting, 10 May 1954)

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1. Plans were reviewed for the briefing of the group of G-2 Mobilization Designation Reserve Officers undergoing active duty training in CIA, scheduled for Thursday, 13 May. It was indicated that the Divisions would prefer to brief the officers on the spot rather than assembling in the office of the Chief, Geographic Research for the briefing. Accordingly the following time schedule was established:

D/GL----- 1 to 1:30 P.M.
D/GC----- 1:45 to 2:15 P.M.
D/GG----- 2:15 to 2:45 P.M.
OCh/G-(including D/GP) - 3 to 4 P.M.

25X1A9a 2. [REDACTED] indicated that no further definite word has been received as to the time scheduling for budget estimates.

3. It was indicated that plans for the annual Geographic Area picnic are progressing satisfactorily and that consideration is being given to the selection of the Fort Hunt Area, south of Alexandria, as a possible site for the picnic this year.

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5. [REDACTED] commented on the problem of overtime work on weekend "flap" jobs that have been recurring with some frequency lately. It was indicated that some resentment or at least some reasonable questioning as to the necessity for last minute notices on such jobs was developing in at least two of the divisions of the Area. It was agreed that this represents a part of the entire problem of priority now confronting the Geographic Research Area.

25X1A9a 6. [REDACTED] indicated that he has been informed that the BIC is scheduled to begin the two-phase sessions in June. This, it will be recalled, refers to the plan to break the BIC into two parts consisting of three weeks and four weeks respectively.

7. There was some considerable discussion of the possibility of defining satisfactorily "clerical" versus "professional" positions within the Geographic Area. Such definitions had been requested by the ORR Career Service Board, primarily for purposes of deciding which individuals should be scheduled for the full BIC course and which should be scheduled.

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for the first phase only. It was the consensus of opinion among those present that any attempt to distinguish between "clerical" and "professional" positions is somewhat unrealistic, in view of the fact that the Classification Act of 1949 provided for an abolition of the distinction between these two types of positions, combining them under the "GS" heading. It was further agreed that the work of the Geographic Area in drawing up statements of qualification requirements for all positions within the Area has largely eliminated the necessity for any further definition of differences in positions within the Area.

25X1A9a 8. [REDACTED] spoke on the problem of plotting "scraps" of urban intelligence on town plans as such intelligence comes into the Geographic Area. He mentioned that insofar as he knew there was no systematic effort within CIA at the present time to record on Town Plans bits of locational information that come in in fragmentary form from the Satellite countries and the USSR. He indicated that he hoped to be able to begin such a systematic operation within D/GL. Such an operation will be conducted primarily by [REDACTED]. It was suggested that detailed information be obtained regarding work of this type that might currently be underway by ESID, Air Targets Division, or in the Industrial Register of OCD before proceeding further with definite plans for such an operation in D/GL.

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9. A summary of records on vital storage documents was presented to the group for review and comment. This summary will be reviewed first by D/GC, having already been reviewed in preliminary fashion by [REDACTED] of D/GG with the EX/RR. Comments on the adequacy of the present records and any indication of requirements for future processing of documents for vital storage are to be submitted to the Chief, St/I not later than 1 June 1954.

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14. [REDACTED] indicated that he plans to travel to [REDACTED] [REDACTED] in the near future to explore the possibility of arranging for cataloging of unclassified maps by the Geography Department of that Institution on a contract basis. He indicated that some such procedure is necessary to clear up the back log of uncatalogued maps now reposing in D/GL. A written memorandum supporting this proposed trip is to be prepared by [REDACTED].

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15. There was considerable discussion of the possibility of systematically checking the extent and frequency of requests by Soviet nationals or Soviet Agencies for detailed map coverage, photo coverage or geographic information on the United States. Several obvious instances of this have been reported recently. [REDACTED] of D/GG is particularly interested in following this problem.

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16. With regard to the anticipated move of D/GL, [REDACTED] reported that there still has been no definite decision concerning the suitability or availability of the building at 14th and Independence Avenue.

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17. [REDACTED] indicated that he had been informed that more money from the DD/P Area would likely be forthcoming for reproduction of 51 maps of Bulgaria requested by them.

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18. [REDACTED] indicated that D/GL personnel will be checking the files of D/GG and D/GC in the near future to check on the current accuracy of the charge-out records from the loan desk in D/GL.

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19. [REDACTED] reported that the Army has again become active in a procurement effort to obtain copies of aerial photography of Burma.

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20. [REDACTED] reported that a new British development in radar photographic techniques was attracting considerable attention in U. S. intelligence circles.

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21. It was indicated that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] of St/I should hold conferences on the question of vital storage documents in the near future.

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